



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Peter SCHUBERT *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 1645
Serial No.: 09/372,036 : Examiner: P. Baskar
Filed: August 11, 1999 :
For: **PROCESSES AND AGENTS FOR DETECTING LISTERIAS**

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REPLY TO ADVISORY ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action of December 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below and consider the remarks which follow:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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42. (Twice Amended) An isolated antibody which specifically binds to an epitope selected from the group consisting of one of the following peptides: SEQ ID NO: 17, 20, 26, 29, 30 and 31 of the p60 protein from *Listeria monocytogenes* and wherein said antibody does not cross-react with an epitope from other non-pathogenic *Listeria* species.

43. (Twice Amended) An isolated antibody which can be prepared by immunizing an experimental animal with a peptide selected from the group consisting of one of the following peptides: SEQ ID NO: 17, 20, 26, 29, 30 and 31, or with an immunogenic conjugate which

F⁶ comprises a peptide selected from the group consisting of one of the following peptides: SEQ ID NO: 17, 20, 26, 29, 30 and 31, wherein said antibody specifically binds to the p60 protein from *Listeria monocytogenes*.
